





Answers to the Objections of the Jews against St. Matthew's Application of the Prophecies, Matt. i. 23. ii. 6, 18, 23. Rev. John Bishopp.  
September 4. From what Arguments does it appear that the Jewish Law was never intended to be Perpetual or Universal? Rev. Thomas Webster.  
October 2. Will the Jews be restored to their own Land in a Political Capacity, or will they be finally incorporated with the Christian Churches of those Countries in which they reside? Rev. T. S. Grimshawe.  
November 6. Is the Doctrine of a Millennium supported by Holy Scripture? Rev. Henry Godfrey.  
December 4. A concise and connected View of the Book of Revelations. Rev. J. H. Stewart.

DOMESTIC.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

FIRST REPORT.

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The American Bible Society, in account with Richard Varick, Treasurer.

1816. Cr.  
Sept. 7. By cash received from the Pittsburgh Bible Society, for the purchase of Bibles, which was afterwards repaid to them. \$300 40  
Nov. 19. By cash for 1800 dollars of six per cent. funded debt, purchased at per cent. and brokerage, and again sold for account of the Society. 1601 49

\$1901 89  
Nov. 19, 1817. By cash received, as an advance or net profit on the above 1800 dollars, 122 19  
April 30. By cash for dividends on six per cent. stock, 207 03  
By cash for dividends on 100 shares of stock in the Bank of America, 350 00  
By cash on 10 half shares of Savannah Insurance stock, 30 00  
By cash for Bibles sold, 1178 99  
By cash for subscriptions and donations, and in part for the purchase of Bibles, 33,989 28

\$37,779 55  
1816. Dr.  
July 11. To cash paid for 1800 dollars six per cent. funded debt, at per cent. which was afterwards sold for account of the Society, \$1601 49  
Oct. 15. To cash repaid the Pittsburgh Bible Society, monies received from them for the purchase of Bibles, which could not be furnished to them at that period, 300 40

\$1901 89  
June 14. To cash paid for 3000 dollars six per cent. funded debt, at 91 1/2 dollars per cent. now standing in the name of the Treasurer, 2,752 50  
April 30, 1817. To cash paid for paper, printing types, and other charges and expenses of the Society, 19,218 03  
April 30. To balance this day due from the Treasurer to the American Bible Society, in stocks and monies, 13,906 93

New-York, April 30, 1817. \$37,779 55  
RICHARD VARICK, Treas. Am. Bible So.

[It appears from the Auditors' Certificate, that the funds of the American Bible Society in the hands of the Treasurer, on 30th April 1817, consisted of the following amount of stocks and monies in the Bank—viz.]

1. 100 shares of stock in the Bank of America, (estimated at par, and received and credited as such by the Treasurer, in his account,) equal to \$10,090 40  
2. 10 half shares of stock in the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of the city of Savannah, in Georgia, at 25 dollars each, received and credited at par, equal to 250 00  
3. 3,000 dollars of six per cent. funded debt of the United States, purchased 14th June, 1816, at 91 1/2 dollars per cent. 2,752 50  
4. A draft on the Bank of Virginia, forwarded for collection by Mr. Lynde Catlin, 250 00  
5. A deposit in the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Cincinnati, to the credit of the Treasurer, 150 00  
6. A balance in the Merchants' Bank in the city of New-York, 3,256 93

APPENDIX TO THE REPORT.

No. I.

Letter from the Hon. Elias Boudinot, President of the American Bible Society.

BURLINGTON, June 5, 1816.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the first inst. officially announcing my election to the chair of the American Bible Society. In expressing my grateful acceptance of this undeserved compliment, (after trusting to the gracious influence of Almighty God,) my conscience is in the aid and assistance of my worthy colleagues, by which alone I can entertain a hope of being useful in so very respectable a body engaged in this all-important undertaking. I am not ashamed to confess, that I accept of the appointment of President of the American Bible Society, as the greatest honor that could have been conferred on me this side of the grave.

I am so convinced that the whole of this business is the work of God himself, by his Holy Spirit, that even hoping against hope, I am encouraged to press on through good report and evil report, to accomplish his will on earth as it is in heaven.

So apparent is the hand of God in thus disposing the hearts of so many men so diversified in their sentiments as to religious matters of minor importance, and uniting them as a band of brothers in the grand object, that even Infidels are compelled to say, it is the work of the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes!—In vain is the opposition of man; as well might he attempt to arrest "the arm of Omnipotence," or fix a barrier around the throne of God. Having this confidence, let us go on, and we shall prosper. I can say no more; my feeble frame and exhausted spirit scarcely suffer me, lying in my bed, to dictate language sufficiently efficient to represent my deep sense of the polite attention of your honorable body. All I can add is, that should it please a Sovereign God to suffer me to meet my faithful fellow-laborers in the gospel vineyard, I will most cordially endeavor to make up, in unwearied attention and industry, what may be deficient in the mind and understanding. Accept of my acknowledgment of the

polite manner in which you have made this communication.

Rev. and Dear Sir, with esteem,  
I am, Your humble & obed't servant,  
ELIAS BOUDINOT.

Rev. Dr. Romeyn, Secretary for Domestic Correspondence of the Amer. Bib. Soc.

No. II.

Extract of a letter from the Rev. John Owen, Secretary to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

BRIGHTON, August 3, 1815.

My Dear Sir,—The Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society have instructed me to offer you their warmest congratulations on the event of the formation of the American Bible Society; an event which they consider as truly auspicious, and pregnant with consequences most advantageous to the promotion of that great work in which the American Brethren and themselves are mutually engaged.

To these congratulations, our Committee have added a grant of £300; and they trust that both will be accepted as indications and pledges of that friendly disposition which it is their desire to cultivate and manifest towards every class and description of their transatlantic fellow-laborers.

The crisis at which the American Bible Society has been formed, and the cordial unanimity which has reigned throughout all the proceedings which led to its establishment, encourage the most sanguine hopes of its proving, in the hand of God, a powerful auxiliary in the confederate warfare which is now carrying on against ignorance and sin. May those hopes be realized, and many new trophies be added, through its instrumentality, to those triumphs which have already been reaped by the arms of our common Redeemer.

I am, My Dear Sir, very faithfully yours,  
JOHN OWEN,  
Secretary to the B. and F. B. S.

Dr. Boudinot, President of the American Bible Society.

No. III.

Letter from Prince Gallitzin, President of the Russian Bible Society, to Joshua Wallace, Esq. of New-Jersey, President of the Convention which formed the American Bible Society.

Sir,—Your letter of the 23d May, a. c. (anno currente,) containing information of the establishment of the American Bible Society, was duly received by me, and brought to the knowledge of the Committee of the Russian Bible Society at their first meeting.

The information of such an event as the forming of a National Bible Institution for the United States of America, for the purpose of promoting the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, not only at home, but also in other countries, whether Christian, Mahometan, or Pagan, was certainly of a nature to produce the most joyful feelings in the breasts of all who take a sincere part in this great and salutary cause. It is with peculiar pleasure that we saw thus a new step made towards hastening forward that happy period, when the knowledge of the word of life will become universal glory to Him who deigns to inspire his people every where with the use of means for the spiritual welfare of the human race! The sphere of operation which the American Bible Society has prescribed to its activity is very extensive and important. We have perused with satisfaction the Constitution and the Address to their countrymen, and we are happy to see that the same principles animate our American fellow-laborers which lead us to the same important end. Thus, notwithstanding the distance which separates us, being approximated by the same spirit of unity and action, we reach you the right hand of fellowship from these remote parts, and unanimously engage to exert ourselves for the same cause of benevolence. Yes, Sir, it will certainly be very agreeable for us to communicate mutually with your Society about our proceedings and successes; and we shall always be ready to take a most hearty interest in all that belongs to your work, which is the work of charity, even the work of God.

We have not failed to forward some of the copies of your proceedings and Constitution you have sent us, to some of our Branch Societies, in order to make them acquainted with your benevolent Institution. And in return we have felt ourselves obliged to communicate to you some small publications of what was done in this country for the same salutary cause of disseminating the Holy Scriptures. We will thus mutually learn what our merciful Saviour has done, and is doing, in both countries.

Before I conclude, permit me, Sir, to express to you the feelings of the most sincere and true esteem with which I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient and devoted serv't,  
(Signed) PRINCE ALEXANDER GALITZIN,  
President of the Russian Bible Society.  
St. Petersburg, 30th Nov. 1816.

KENNEBEC BIBLE SOCIETY.

From the Hallowell Gazette.

At a meeting of the Kennebec Bible Society, at Hallowell, on Wednesday the 4th day of June, A. D. 1817, the Trustees presented the following Report, which was accepted and directed to be published.

THE REPORT.

In conformity to an article in the constitution of the Society, the Trustees beg leave to Report an account of their proceedings during the past year.

In entering upon the duties of their office, two objects claimed their attention. It was one of those objects, to enlarge the list of subscribers; the other, to ascertain by actual inquiry the number of families in the county, destitute of the sacred Scriptures; that so far as the funds of the Society would permit, a supply might be furnished, proportioned to the deficiency.

With these objects in view, a Circular was prepared and transmitted to gentlemen of respectability, residing in the various towns of the county, in which their aid was requested, both in procuring subscribers, and in obtaining the desired information.

Returns have been, in part, received of subscribers from the following towns, viz.—Augusta, Hallowell, Fairfield, Hallowell, Monmouth, Pittston, Readfield, Unity, Vassalborough, Winslow and Winthrop. The number exceeds a hundred. The amount subscribed, is about a hundred and sixty dollars. The sum that has been paid to the Treasurer, is sixty-four dollars and thirty-five cents.

But little information has yet been communicated respecting destitute families. It is believed that the number is not small. In a letter from a gentleman in the town of Unity, addressed to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society, more than twenty of the inhabitants of that place, are mentioned as being without a Bible. In several other towns the deficiency is, in all probability, equally great. It may with reason be presumed, that several hundred Bibles must be distributed within the limits of this county, before each family will be furnished with a single copy.

In the course of the last winter, one hundred 12mo Bibles were purchased for distribution. The Trustees were aware, that this was but a small number, when compared with the deficiency to be supplied; but in paying even for this small number, purchased at a very low rate, the Treasurer has found the amount of subscriptions already received, insufficient.

Our Society is still in its infancy. But let not "the day of small things" be disregarded. If you trace the mighty river, that enriches nations, to its source, you find it a little rivulet, running among the hills. "There shall be a handful of corn on the top of the mountains, the fruit thereof shall shake like the forest of Lebanon."

It is a good work in which we are engaged. We are associated to distribute the Oracles of God, which are the divinely appointed medium of conveying to the ignorant the most important instruction; to the guilty the gracious offers of pardon; to the depraved the purifying influences of the Spirit; which bring succor to the tempted, and consolation to the afflicted; which point the penitent offender to an almighty and most merciful Saviour; and open to the dying believer, prospects the most delightful and glorious. Are those, who possess not this blessed volume, so ignorant, as not to know its value? So vicious, as to violate its precepts? How desirable, that you should give them the means of becoming wise and virtuous! Are they acquainted with its value? Are they prepared to receive it, as the most precious gift, which wealth can purchase, or charity bestow? What a privilege to put into their hands the inestimable treasure! to administer the bread of life to such as are longing to receive it, and to pour the light of heaven on those, who with inexpressible joy will welcome its beams!

It is a work which will be attended with success. "We live so much more under the control of sense, than of faith, that unless we see the fruits of our labors, and know that the harvest is equal to our expectations, we are apt to relax our efforts, and to persuade ourselves that our labor is vain." But all doubts respecting the utility of distributing the Bible, imply want of confidence in God. For he hath said: "My word shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that where I sent it."

The object we have in view is attracting, throughout all Christendom, universal attention. The Society in Great Britain, which began the good work and which in twelve years has expended two millions of dollars, printed or assisted in printing and circulating the Scriptures in whole or in part, in sixty-three different languages, distributed one million five hundred and sixty thousand copies, and numbers among its auxiliaries, five hundred and seventy subordinate societies, formed in all parts of the British empire, continues with unabated zeal to prosecute its labors of love. In almost every nation of Europe, Bible Societies have been formed under the patronage of men of high stations and extensive influence. Kings and Princes, the noble and the opulent, pour forth their treasures, while the laborer, the domestic, and the peasant, cast in their mites, for the distribution of the Bible. Even in Russia, which has but recently taken its rank among civilized nations, an enthusiasm has been awakened, which promises the most important results. In our own country, the number of Bible Societies has been very considerably increased, during the past year. They are to be found in every State in the Union. There are at present nearly 200. Of these, about one half have declared themselves auxiliary to the National Society, organized the last year at New-York. The success of that institution has already far surpassed the expectations of its most sanguine friends. We do not doubt that Infinite Wisdom designs it to be an instrument of very extensive good.

To an attentive observer of passing events, the magnificent preparations, which are now making in all parts of the earth for the dissemination of the Scriptures, and for the promotion of Christianity, furnish a subject of reflection peculiarly impressive and interesting. Within the last twenty years, what a mighty, unprecedented impulse has been given to the Christian world, and what astonishing effects have resulted from it? Who can doubt, that impulse to be from God? And believing this, who can doubt that the religion of the Bible is the religion which he approves; that the cause of Christ is the cause which he is determined to prosper.

In view of these considerations, what encouragement have the members of this Society to persevere in the enterprise, which they have undertaken! In all their attempts to diffuse the Holy Scriptures, God will be with them; His blessing will attend them; not a dollar will be given in vain.

The time is rapidly approaching, when the glorious predictions of the Bible, relative to the universal prevalence of Christianity, will be accomplished. It will not be a subject of regret, on the bed of death, or at the bar of judgment, that we have contributed our donations, or exerted our influence, or offered our prayers for their fulfillment.

The Society then proceeded to the choice of officers, and the following gentlemen were chosen, viz—

Hon. DANIEL CONY, President.  
SAMUEL MOODY, Esq. 1st Vice Pres.  
ROBERT H. GARDINER, Esq. 2d. V. Pres.  
DANIEL STONE, Esq. 3d Vice Pres.  
Gen. HENRY SEWALL, Record. Sec'y.  
Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, Cor. Sec'y.  
Hon. NATHAN WESTON, Junr. Treasurer.  
JOHN SEWALL, Esq. Auditor.

Trustees—Rev. Mr. Gillet, Rev. Mr. Thurston, Rev. Mr. Kendrick, Rev. Mr. J. Sewall, Rev. Mr. Lovejoy, Hon. S. S. Wilde, Hon. J. Bridge, Hon. C. Robbins, John Davis, Esq. Jacob Abbot, Esq. Dr. Ambrose Howard, and Dr. Enoch Hale.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the Rev. Mr. Gillet, for the appropriate Address by him delivered on the occasion, this day.

Voted unanimously, As an additional article to the Constitution, that this Society be Auxiliary to the American Bible Society.

The meeting was then closed with prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Gillet.

Transcript from the minutes,

Attest, H. SEWALL, Recording Sec'y.

MARINE BIBLE SOCIETY.

From the Philadelphia Remembrancer.

WORTHY OF IMITATION.

CAPT WILLIAM B. OSMON, of the ship Pacific, of Philadelphia, on his late voyage to Canton, having become a member of the Philadelphia Marine Bible Society, carried out with him several copies of the Word of Truth, and distributed them most advantageously. With a very commendable zeal for the interests of this highly important association, Capt. Osmon instituted a subscription in behalf of the Marine Bible Society among the Americans at China. Here he raised the sum of 100 dollars, which he judiciously invested in Canton goods. He also obtained additional subscriptions to the amount of 70 dollars payable in Philadelphia, and which he has since collected. On Friday 13th inst. he delivered to the president of the Marine Bible Society a box of Canton silks and the original book of subscriptions, with the balance collected, and the following letter:

SIR—On my departure for Canton, last year, you did me the favor of placing in my hands a number of copies of the Holy Bible, for the purpose of distribution; I have now the satisfaction to inform you, that in every instance they have been received with emotions of joy and gratitude.

Highly appreciating the objects of your institution while at Canton, I originated, among our countrymen there, a subscription in aid of your funds; and feel much pleasure in communicating to you the result. One hundred dollars were paid to me in Canton, and seventy dollars subscribed payable in Philadelphia. Believing that the interest of the Society would be promoted by the measure, I invested the hundred dollars in Canton goods; which, together with the original book of subscription, and thirty dollars since collected, I now commit to your care, with my warmest wishes for the prosperity and usefulness of your Association. If this humble effort to subserve the cause of religion and truth should meet your approbation, I shall be amply rewarded.

WM. B. OSMON.

Philadelphia, June 14, 1817.

CAPT. WM. B. OSMON,  
DEAR SIR,—I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, with its enclosures; together with a box of silks, 30 dollars in bank notes, and to be received here 40 dollars, together 170 dollars, for the use of the Marine Bible Society, of which you are a member.

It is no less my duty than my inclination, to offer to you the grateful thanks of the Marine Bible Society of Philadelphia, for the laudable exertions in promoting the views and contributing so essentially to the interest of the Society; and we do most ardently hope, that your noble example in the good cause, will stimulate others to a similar conduct; and that we shall yet become useful.

The records of the Society will always show, that you, Sir, have done your part most faithfully.

I remain, with great esteem and regard, dear Sir, your most obedient humble servant,  
CHARLES MACALESTER,  
Treasurer of the Marine Bible Society.

CAYUGA BIBLE SOCIETY.

From the Auburn Gazette.

A Bible Society was organized in Auburn, N. Y. on the 12th of June, denominated, The Auxiliary Bible Society of the County of Cayuga. Stimulated by the noble examples of liberality and benevolence, which have been exhibited by a vast multitude of their fellow-citizens both in Europe and America, a great number of the most respectable inhabitants of this county, pursuant to previous notice, met on the day above named, and resolved to unite their talents and exertions in the work of "good will to men," by imparting to the destitute, the Gospel which giveth life. In this assembly were seen persons of every age, and

of almost every political and name, bending all their efforts and their views towards the accomplishment of one object; furnishing an example of feeling and concentrated action, commendable in a community of believers in the Christian System.

The Rev. Mr. LANSING was appointed Chairman, and G. W. WARNER, Secretary. The meeting was opened with remarks made by him on the vast importance of Bible Societies; it was, on motion, unanimously, that this meeting organize a Society, to be denominated The Auxiliary Bible Society of the County of Cayuga.

A plan of a Constitution was submitted to the meeting; which having been read and carefully considered, was unanimously adopted. The following were chosen officers of the Society for the current year.

Hon. WALTER WOOD, President.  
Thomas Mansford, Esq.; Hon. Miller; Rev. Seth Smith; Hon. Glover, Vice-Presidents.  
Rev. Dirck C. Lansing, Corres. Secy. George W. Warner, Esq. Recor. Secy. Mr. Horace Hills, Treasurer, and four Directors.

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

New-Haven, June 14.—On Wednesday the 4th inst. the Convention of the Episcopal Church of this diocese, at Guilford. There was a general attendance of the Clergy, and a respectable representation of the laity. The reports presented on this occasion, exhibited an interesting view of the church, as they give evidence of its steady increase and its growing prosperity. The Rev. Bishop Hobart, of New-York, acting as Bishop of Connecticut, read the 20th Canon of the General Convention, and presided. He preached a sermon, at the opening of the Convention, and administered the Apostolic confirmation to 25 persons. On the following day, after the Convention had again preached at Guilford, to a large attentive auditory—and afterwards in the several neighboring parishes, in which he preached, and performed the following Episcopal duties. Friday, 6th, consecrated the church at North-linworth, and confirmed 47 persons. Saturday, 7th, A. M. consecrated the church at North Guilford, and confirmed 25 persons—P. M. at Northford, confirmed 33 persons—P. M. at North-Haven, confirmed 35 persons. Sunday, 8th, A. M. at North-Haven, confirmed 35 persons. P. M. at North-Haven, confirmed 35 persons. Total number confirmed at visitations 259.

Chinese New Testament.

A short address on the interesting subject of printing the Chinese New Testament, by Robert Morrison at Canton, was presented by Messrs. Divie Bethune, and Robert April last. This effort has produced four thousand and ninety-nine dollars and five cents, received as the voluntary contributions of the citizens of the United States, from shipments have been made, by different persons, amounting to three thousand five hundred and ninety-seven dollars and nine cents: A substantial proof of the power of a liberal Christian spirit in the community. Of this there was received at New-York, 55; at Philadelphia, \$207 20—December.

South Carolina College.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE is a government of a president, four professors, two tutors. The number of students is 120. The annual income upwards of 12,000 dollars. The Library contains 4,000 volumes, apparatus sufficiently extensive for a course of lectures on natural philosophy, chemistry. During the College session, faculty and tutors are constantly employed, instructing the classes, so that a course of study is here sustained inferior to none in the States, except in two of the oldest Colleges.

Jefferson College.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman at Jefferson, Pennsylvania, dated 4th inst. JEFFERSON COLLEGE appears, as presented in a peremptory state. It is under the patronage of Rev. William M'Millan—a man well qualified for presiding over a literary institution, things are proceeding harmoniously. Good and strict morality prevail in every department. And good teaching is obtained at the rate of fifty cents, to two dollars monthly, the highest, per week.—Chillicothe Gazette.

Washington College.

It appears from an article lately published in the Pittsburgh papers, that, at a meeting of the Trustees of WASHINGTON COLLEGE, on the 30th of April last, the Rev. Andrew W. Miller, President of this College, was appointed Principal, and was to accept the duties of his office at the commencement of the Summer session, on Monday the 28th inst.

Massachusetts Society for the Suppression of Intemperance.

The Discourse by the Rev. Dr. Worcester, the last Annual Report, have been presented to the vote of the Society, at their meeting. The several Auxiliary Societies were invited to send to the Office of Mr. John D. Foster, 5, Court-street, Boston, for such copies as they can distribute to advantage. The Reverend Clergy are invited to aid the objects of the Society, by circulating the Tract.

A considerable number of the last year's Report still remain on hand, and may be obtained, as above.

ANECDOTE.

A Trader, having endeavored to persuade a converted Indian, that the Indians were not privileged teachers; the Indian replied, "I know what they say, but I know what they do not say, and what God has wrought within me, and what God has wrought within me, my poor countrymen there, lying dead on their door. You do not see and hear them like a beast, and not one of you has himself about me. But when the power of the Gospel of Christ, and the power of the power of his blood, no longer dominion over me. Such are the power of the Gospel."—Ch. Herald.







